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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were 4 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Prices were unchanged in all other areas, however the heavy weights were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for the post holiday period. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where features were present for the Easter holiday. Supplies were fully sufficient to closely balanced for current trade requirements, with the Southeast in the best position. Breaking stock demand was light to at times fairly good for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as less than normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 4 cents lower for large. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was about moderate and was rated as much slower than earlier in the week. Food service demand was generally moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the fully adequate offerings. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	53-59	56-59

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	44-48
MEDIUM	36-40
SMALL	12-16

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, but the larger sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good, best where features were present for the Easter holiday. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reduced to heavy for next week. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	58-70	60-62

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail egg sales were mostly moderate and rated as much slower than earlier in the week. Food service demand was about moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to usually fully adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-82
LARGE	71-80
MEDIUM	55-64

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress. Medium 30-count eggs were advertised for \$1.78. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for present trade requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for generally sufficient offerings. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70-79	73-76
LARGE	69-77	71-74
MEDIUM	53-64	57-61

SE AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, EASTERN TN AND SOUTHERN VA

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large declined 4 cents, mediums unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Pipelines filling up in anticipation of the Easter holiday. Supplies of larger sizes adequate, lighter weights more closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-73
LARGE	65-71
MEDIUM	57-63

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the holiday weekend. Trade sentiment was barely steady to at times weak. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	67-71

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 2-3 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium. Last minute Easter orders kept most traders very busy. Floor stocks cleared well but buyer interest in replenishing them limited until the full extent of post Easter declines became clearer.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good to fill last minute orders. Offerings ample for the sharply reduced buyer interest but Easter floor stocks reported well cleared in most quarters. Small benchmark price 71. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79-98, buy 1 get 1 free, 20 pack 199, 2 for \$3, large dozen 89-99, medium dozen 99, small 30 pack 179, 2 for \$3.

**CALIFORNIA:** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	91

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96-102
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-95
MEDIUM	78-81

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	219-229
MEDIUM	189-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were lower. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings increasingly available as the week passes. Offerings were rated as fully adequate at this time and included graded loose shell eggs previously destined into grading channels and rerouted as orders faded. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	36-38	-
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-30	-
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Traders were cautious and watching further market developments. Demand was light to moderate for usually sufficient supplies, however most buyers were anticipating increased availability for the post holiday week. Breaking schedules were reported as less than normal to heavy. Cases broken in the Eastern region for week ending April 12, 2003 were about unchanged from the previous week, although 1 percent less than a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-32.5	23-27
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

W/E 12-Apr-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,088,515	26,476	9,801	5,575	1,698	4,070
PW	1,104,923	27,129	10,036	5,181	1,721	4,133
LY	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
% CHG PW	-1	-2	-2	8	-1	-2
% CHG LY	-12	-7	-18	-21	-44	-5
2003	16,645,849	402,496	151,617	83,894	35,227	61,831
2002	16,845,683	387,898	168,045	90,120	39,596	61,178
% CHG YTD	-1	4	-10	-7	-11	1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.19	42.07	42.06
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.45	38.32	38.58

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 54 to 56 cents fob, mostly 55 to 55.5, with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites and weak for yolk. Whole egg offerings were adequate to more available than the previous trading period, with white offerings tight to unavailable and yolk at least fully adequate. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg, good to very good for whites, and poor for yolk. Breaking schedules were full-time with breaking stock prices lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 18 April, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	8	37-41	38.50	-1.50
WHITES	23	26-28.5	26.93	1.03
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged on whole, unchanged to slightly higher on whites, and lower on yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The undertone was about steady on whole, generally steady on whites and barely steady on yolks. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate. Offerings were somewhat tight on whites and usually sufficient on most other items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 12 April 2003 were 3% less than last week, and 2% lower than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)				LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	
WHOLE	47-54	47-50	55-59	
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		67-85	
WHITES	35-39	37-39	42-47	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-78	69-71	75-87	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-70	64-68	71-90	

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged with frozen whites unchanged to 1 cent higher and sugar and salt yolk unchanged to 2 cents lower when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, steady to firm for whites and barely steady to weak on frozen sugar and salt yolk. Offerings were adequate or available with demand continuing seasonally quiet. Most processors anticipated better movement in the next few weeks as many frozen buyers had previously been working with very close supplies. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)			TRUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	47-50	48-49	
WHITES	37-40		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-72		
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-68	66-68	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent lower on whole, 1 cent higher on whites, and 2 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/12 was 8% more than the previous week. Frozen demand was fairly good with freezer stocks adequate.

PRICES PER LB IN 30 LB CONT.) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	53-56
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on yolk and blends, slightly lower on whole, but unchanged to higher on albumen when compared to previous week's trading. Interest was fairly light as most traders were purchasing on an as need basis, and waiting to see what the post holiday markets would bring. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady on albumen, about steady to steady on whole and unsettled on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 12 April 2003 were 1% less than the previous week, and 44% lower than a year ago. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 11% less than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.64-1.95	MOSTLY 1.71-1.82
YOLKS	1.59-2.05	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.00	MOSTLY 2.75-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.45	MOSTLY 1.34-1.40

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 11, 2003-APRIL 17, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 122.75

FUTURE LOADS 53.25

TOTAL LOADS 176.00

		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	47.00	54.88	50.25	51.89	51.42	52.00	52.00	GNR W XL	—	53.33	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 3	—	43.00	—	—	38.00	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	54.25	—	—	—	58.50	10.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	59.00	—	—	63.00	3.00	GNR W 3	40.00	41.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W J	62.00	66.67	—	—	—	—	1.50	GNR BR 1	83.00	87.00	—	—	—	—	.50		
GL W XL	—	65.00	63.33	65.61	55.27	—	35.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.50	63.00	.75		
GL W LG	—	67.82	61.94	64.25	57.63	59.00	38.50	GL W XL	62.00	—	—	—	—	66.87	18.75		
GL W MD	—	53.57	54.50	56.50	40.92	—	13.75	GL W LG	61.00	63.33	—	—	—	67.83	25.50		
GL W SM	30.75	32.38	30.75	32.75	27.75	28.75	5.50	GL W MD	50.00	54.50	—	—	46.50	51.71	8.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	41.00	43.00	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	81.00	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	39.23	40.07	59.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	29.50	2.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS  
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION** Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were more than sufficient for trade needs. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	5-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs for disposal remained at least unchanged from the past period. Offerings had increased forcing availability to exceed requirements. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Removal values were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values ranged unchanged with majority values unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were adequate to ample as producers clear spent fowl following the Easter rush. Demand was mostly moderate. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	3.0-5.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate overall. Offerings continued disrupted by END quarantines.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** FOR W/E 18-Apr-03  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	73.50	73.00	61.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	59.00
MIDWEST	68.00	67.00	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.57	72.17	59.84

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY  
REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners; mostly unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Trading was light. Offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared at most locations. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-25 MAJORITY 22.5-23 29-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

22.5-26.5 MAJORITY 24.75-25 31.5-37 MAJORITY 33.5-34

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 12-Apr-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,955	1,221	3,176
LAST WEEK	1,801	1,347	3,148
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,927	1,327	3,254
TO-DATE/2003	25,139	20,010	45,149
TO-DATE/2002	27,229	19,348	46,577

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	281	8	289
LAST WEEK	331	0	331
SAME WEEK YR AGO	253	0	253
TO-DATE/2003	4,503	61	4,564
TO-DATE/2002	5,004	20	5,024

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
HEAD	2,236	1,229	3,465
LAST WEEK	2,132	1,347	3,479
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,180	1,327	3,507
TO-DATE/2003	29,642	20,071	49,713
TO-DATE/2002	32,233	19,368	51,601

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 05, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	196	501	2,529	4,814
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	7	135	58
Total	196	508	2,664	4,872

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 05, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	74	75	1,579	1,866
Frozen	89	11	1,169	1,093
Dried	40	79	207	1,096
Total	203	165	2,955	4,055

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 05, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	50	76	306
Extra Large	780	60	1,770	2,427
Large	90	1,860	5,743	22,119
Medium	2,970	180	15,222	15,193
Ungraded	0	11,460	1,470	16,410
Misc	570	30	2,982	5,674
Total	4,410	13,640	27,263	62,129

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS		(IN THOUSANDS)		
		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	04/14/03	2,750	192,775	61,323
AM	04/01/03	2,722	189,905	61,778
CHG		28	2,870	-455
PCT CHG		1%	2%	-1%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 12-Apr-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.8	21.5	29	43
BOSTON	5.5	3.5	58	53
CHICAGO	68.0	59.1	15	51
DETROIT	47.4	23.2	104	92
KANSAS CITY	7.2	10.8	-33	76
LOS ANGELES	101.4	81.2	25	19
NEW ORLEANS	14.8	12.6	17	4
NEW YORK	36.8	31.0	19	15
ST. LOUIS	25.5	17.1	49	10
SAN FRANCISCO	25.0	22.2	13	24
TOTAL	359.4	282.2	27	32
4 WK MVG AVG	299.9			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 12-Apr-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.5	2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	585.3	1	17
W.N. CENTRAL	318.3	4	19
S. ATLANTIC	198.2	-5	30
S. CENTRAL	105.1	0	27
WEST	209.5	8	17
TOTAL	1639.9	2	16
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

15-Apr-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	119	112	87	53
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	117-121	110-114	83-87	46-50
MOSTLY	119-120	112-113	85-86	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	118-122	111-115	86-90	52-56
MOSTLY	118	111	86	52
VERMONT	125-127	120	89-95	-
MOSTLY	127	-	95	-

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